

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (Amended) The polarizing plate according to claim 1, further comprising a brightness enhancement film attached to the polarizing plate.

Please add new claims 16-18 as follows:

16. The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein an adhesive layer is provided on the polarizing plate and exposed at a surface thereof, and a separator for preventing contamination is provided on the adhesive layer.

17. The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the first portion and the second portion are directly laminated.

18. The polarizing plate according to claim 2, wherein the first portion and the second portion are directly laminated by the adhesive.

MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 12 has been amended as follows:

12. (Amended) The polarizing plate according to claim 1, further comprising a ~~brightness-~~
~~enhanced brightness enhancement~~ film attached to the polarizing plate.

New claims 16-18 have been added.